

**Safety of officials in Assam**

2230. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Police has recently directed the officials of oil companies in Assam to remain vigilant and careful about their security while visiting the operational areas as banned ULFA may try to kidnap the oil executives for ransom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take for the safety of the officials of the oil companies operating in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Oil PSUs have intimated that Inspector General of Police (Security), Assam directed the officials of oil companies in Assam to remain vigilant and careful about their security while visiting the operational areas, in the Intelligence sub-committee meeting held on 06.11.2006. The following steps have been taken for security and safety of oil company officials operating in Assam:

- (i) CISF is providing security to top executives at their residence as well as escort for movement inside and outside plant areas.
- (ii) Regular joint patrolling by CISF and State police;
- (iii) Photo ID card/Permit is issued to Contract Labours for entry to office and factory premises.
- (iv) Security personnel deployed in Assam are being sensitized in view of the increasing threats from the militants.

**Supply of piped gas in Delhi**

2231. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the areas covered by the piped gas in Government colonies in Delhi;

(b) the areas proposed to be covered by Government for supplying gas through pipes in the current year;